

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to FIG. 1. This sheet, which includes FIGS. 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including FIGS. 1 and 2. FIG. 1 has been designated as "Prior Art".

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claim 5 and non-elected claims 10-24 without prejudice. Thus, claims 1-4 and 6-9 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment.

Figure 1 has been designated as "Prior Art" as required by the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to assure proper antecedent basis for all claim elements. Claim 5 has been cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that these amendments obviate the rejections to claims 2, 4, and 5. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 2, 4, and 5 are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 6. Accordingly, claims 3 and 6 have been amended into independent format, namely each has been amended to include the elements of base claim 1.

Claims 3 and 6 are therefore believed to be in condition for issuance.

In addition, claim 4 is believed to be in condition for issuance for at least the reason that it has been amended to obviate the rejection under 112 and it depends from allowable claim 3.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0145452 A1 to Fujieda et al. (Fujieda).

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Independent claim 1 requires “at least electrically non-conductive absorber body arranged to at least partly cover said at least one electrical lead (emphasis added)”.

The Office Action asserts that the wire extending from laser driver circuit 11 to laser device 10 in Figure 11 is the claimed “at least one electrical lead”. See page 5, lines 10-11 of the Office Action dated January 25, 2006.

Fujieda discloses an electromagnetic wave absorbing layer that is arranged inside of a metal cap 5. See paragraph [0059] of Fujieda. As seen from Figure 11, metal cap 5 does not “at least partly cover” the electrical lead as required by claim 1.

Although not asserted by the Office Action, Fujieda also discloses, with respect to Figures 8-9, an optical transmission module that is placed in a mold and is set by a resin-mix, wherein the resin-mix is comprised of ground powder of said natural schungite ore equal to 40 to 80 wt-%.

Fujieda recognizes that resin containing this ore is conductive and can cause shorts and, thus, Fujieda (in the embodiment of FIG. 10) first seals the wiring part with a resin that does not contain any ore, then covers the resin without the ore with resin-mix containing the ore. See paragraphs [0063] to [0066].

Clearly, the resin-mix of Fujieda containing the ore (Figures 8-9) is not “electrically non-conductive” as required by claim 1. Further, the resin-mix of Fujieda that does not contain the ore (Figure 10) is not an “absorber body” as required by claim 1.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Fujieda simply does not disclose or suggest the at least electrically non-conductive absorber body arranged to at least partly cover said at least one electrical lead" required by claim 1.

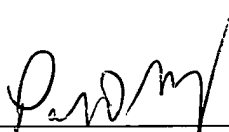
Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 5, and 7-9 are also believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reason that they depend from claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-9 are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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